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Municipal staff turn up heat on Council

Burton accuses CUPE of trial by press

By **Terrance Gavan** and **Stephen Patrick**

Members of CUPE 4416, the union representing civic employees of the Municipality of Highlands East, have filed for conciliation after what they say was a disappointing round of preliminary negotiations.

"This is a small, tight-knit community where everyone knows each other and the fact that the employer is unwilling to bargain will affect many taxpayers of this municipality, who are also members of CUPE 4416," said Local President Ken Riley in a Jan 16 press release. The union said it resented Highlands East council's refusal to sit down with local representatives to discuss proposals submitted for the renegotiation of their contract, which expired Dec 31.

"After the municipality dismissed all union proposals and failed to provide counterproposals, CUPE 4416 was left with no choice but to file for conciliation. The Chief Administrative Officer [Sharon Stoughton-Craig] provided no rationale for the failure to negotiate, stating only that Council had said no to all union proposals."

The Ontario Ministry of Labour defines conciliation as a process in which the government tries to assist the parties in coming to an agreement. Either party may ask for conciliation if they believe negotiations are at an impasse; once initiated, the process must run its course before a lockout or strike becomes legal.

"The County of Peterborough, a slightly larger, but comparable municipality in the area, recently bargained improvements to wages, benefits and other working conditions for its CUPE employees. We want to send a strong message to the municipality that we deserve to have a decent settlement for the hard-working CUPE members," said Alison Davidson, CUPE National Representative.

"While the employer has not provided the union with any financial information supporting their position, recent data

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Sir Sam's Ski Resort hosted over 70 competitors in the wildly entertaining SBX Competition Ontario Provincial Series. Boarders from across the province competed last Sunday on a brand new boarder cross run designed especially for the high-octane event. **Photo Terrance Gavan.**

Fishing licence fiasco

Severe delays in delivering new equipment cost businesses

By **Will Jones**

Have you got your fishing licence yet? Have you tried and failed? Did that mean that your first ice fish of the season was technically illegal, even though it was not your fault but the Ministry's for failing to make it possible for you to get a licence?

Don't worry, this newspaper won't tell. What we will do is try to explain the fiasco surrounding the issuing of 2012 fishing licences.

While last year you could go to almost any bait and tackle store and buy a licence on the spot, as of January 1 anglers

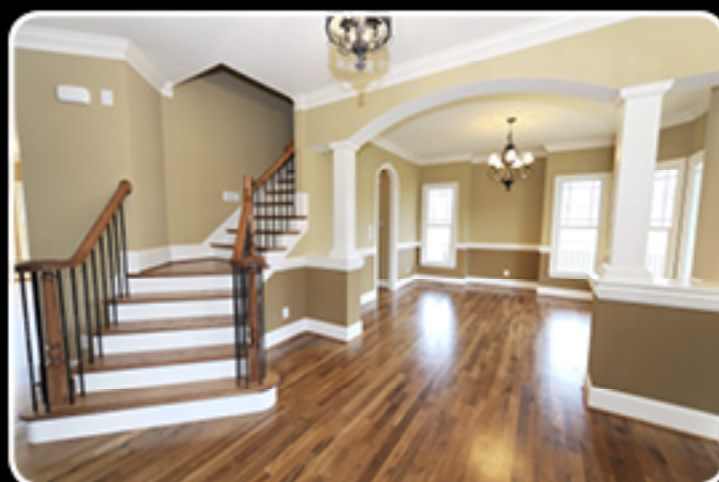
have to have a new, electronically-generated fishing licence. Where can you get one? At the time of writing (January 16), the only place in Haliburton County was at Minden Live Bait & Tackle on Highway 35. [Ed note: Spearzys in Haliburton now has a machine.] And, when you get there you have to put up with long delays and some very disgruntled owners. I know — I experienced it last weekend.

Now, Jack Saunders and Barry Roberts at the store are not usually so grumpy, but their status as sole providers of licences for the county is giving them a headache.

"We've probably lost around \$2,000 in business over the last two weeks, because of delays caused by the new

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showed that the municipality's accumulated surplus has risen over the last few years, indicating there is money available. It's time the Municipality of Highlands East treat its workers with respect and fairness and give them the settlement they deserve," Davidson concluded.

CUPE 4416 represents 24 employees providing public services to the municipality as road operators, arena attendants, laborers, clerks and bylaw enforcement officers.

In an interview with *The Highlander* on Tuesday, Riley said that his union members were disappointed that Council did not even entertain the idea of sitting down to negotiate. "We were kind of shocked," said Riley. "We know that times are hard, but we thought they might sit down with us. We had our meeting and they offered us nothing, so now, we have to go with a conciliator. We weren't asking for a lot. [The offer] was brought to Council and when we had our next meeting they offered us nothing."

Riley added that the union had bargained in good faith in the past, and had agreed to go with a year-long contract at their last negotiations. "We agreed to wait for the election and bargain with the new Council, instead of asking for an extended three or four-year contract," said Riley. He said that it's a small union with close ties to the community. "We're not asking for much, but we're seeing what other communities like Peterborough received and Council has to realize that our property taxes are going up too," said Riley.

Reeve Dave Burton told *The Highlander* on Tuesday, "We're right in the middle of negotiations, but first off I want to say that I'm just totally appalled and disappointed that the CUPE rep would even try to negotiate through the newspaper, and that's exactly what's happening to us. I thought we could have our negotiations around the table, but I guess that's not going to be the case. You know, we have a group of very hard-working people here to deliver the services required... and they are very well compensated for what they do. I think common sense would dictate that in these economic times people would be more interested in job security than raises."

"These are tough times – we have mills that are closed, businesses are having a hard time meeting their payrolls. I'm not trying to be hard-nosed, but I am asking for a bit of common sense. But we'll continue to negotiate – I have no idea when this conciliation process will start, but we'll negotiate, have no doubt about that."

When apprised of Burton's comments on Wednesday morning, Riley responded, "We wouldn't have had to go through the papers if they had offered to talk with us."

Riley said that the offer put forward by the union was fair. "We asked for a small raise, some additional benefits, and benefits for the part-time guys. Some of our part-time employees work up to 40 hours per week and have no benefit package," said Riley. "We asked for something for them."

Riley said that the Reeve and councilors do receive benefits as part of their employment agreement. He added that the union felt it was only fair that part-timers who are putting in substantial numbers of hours should have the same access to benefits as councilors.

"It's like a slap in the face," said Riley. "Councilors are on the full benefit package, and part-timers are working 40 hours a week with no benefits."

As for Burton's comments regarding hard times and job security, Riley said Council did not put forward that argument when their offer was rejected wholesale.

"When they came back to us, there was no explanation, and nothing said about hard times and the economy," said Riley. "We were told simply that there would be no benefit increase and no raise. That's all. They offered us nothing, so the next step is conciliation, and we sent out a release to the press informing them of our intentions."

Reeve Burton replied that councilors get medical and dental insurance, but no long-term benefits, which cost significantly more. "We also haven't had a raise since 2008, but our benefits are not comparable with full-time CUPE staff."

Riley expects the conciliator to be on board sometime in February.

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Minden Hills

Council moves ahead with infrastructure

Next phase of strategic plan under discussion

By Terrance Gavan

What does Minden want? The wish list is comprehensive. Council touched on some priorities at last Thursday's council meeting, starting with getting more traffic flowing downtown, an objective sure to get a nod of approval from Minden's business sector.

Minden Hills Council not only wants more traffic; they are pushing very hard to implement strategies that will get it done. We heard that at the Jan 7 town hall meeting, and we heard it again last Thursday at the meeting of the whole. But more traffic is just part of the municipality's infrastructure plans.

At Thursday's meeting, Council debated the merits of moving forward with a Request for Proposal (RFP) regarding the Minden Hills Village Development Master Plan. The document was drawn up by Councilor Ken Redpath, based on a meeting held last November. It provides information to help qualified firms prepare and submit high-quality proposals to address some pivotal issues downtown and on Highway 35.

Major items to be addressed include two difficult and dangerous intersections — Bobcaygeon Road & Newcastle Street, and Bobcaygeon Road & Water Street. The plan also calls for wider sidewalks, disabled-accessible storefronts, additional parking, a second bridge over the Gull, fixing drainage issues downtown, and more housing for seniors and low-income people.

Councilor Larry Clarke said, "We also need to address industrial space and look at what areas we could [include in]

the infrastructure improvements."

Implementation of a comprehensive infrastructure strategy would include the hiring of an engineering firm at some cost, to investigate facts on the ground and draw up a development plan. Last Thursday, Council discussed costs, and also debated the merits of expanding the original plan versus starting all over again. "We might want to start with a clean slate," said Redpath.

"What's the price tag and where's the money coming from?" Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch asked. "We're looking at some serious money here. My question is, has this become a bigger overall program?"

"This is an agreement to send out the RFP, not [for] hiring a consultant," said Clarke, addressing Murdoch's monetary concerns. Reeve Barb Reid stressed the need for haste. "The provincial government is looking at an infrastructure program and grants," she said. "We need to be ready when they unveil it; and we need to be able to jump on it when the grants are announced."

Chief Administrative Office Gerry Morrison said, "[The RFP] is almost identical to what the previous council did three years ago. We were given quotes and nothing was done." Morrison said on the phone Monday that tendered quotes for the previous development plan ranged from \$29,400 to over \$100,000.

He added that any decision on those proposals was deferred by the previous council in anticipation of the new council taking office just over a year ago.

Council deferred a decision on the RFP until next week's regular meeting.

Barb Reid

Minden Hills

"We need to be able to jump on it when the grants are announced."

Minden Hills tables request from Community Care

By Terrance Gavan

Citing comprehensive and expanding support of area seniors and adults with disabilities, Community Care of Haliburton County (CCHC) came to Minden Hills council asking for a \$1,000 increase in support from the municipality.

Last year Minden Hills devoted \$4,000 in funding to Community Care.

Hilary Elia, representing CCHC, said that the request of \$5,000 this year was in response to an expanding clientele and an increase in the use of programs such as Meals on Wheels, transportation, emergency response, home assistance, priority visits and recreation.

We had 9,542 transport requests," Elia told council. "That's an increase of over 25 percent from last year (2010). A large part of the transportation requests centres around travel to a medical appointment or procedure."

Elia said that their Meals on Wheels program had also experienced substantial growth. "Last year (2011) 16,786 left the office, an increase of over 30 percent," said Elia.

Reeve Barb Reid told Council that she had been out on some client placement calls and applauded the great work being done by the CCHC.

Councilor Larry Clarke also lauded Community Care's work. "There's a mandate to keep more seniors at home," said Clarke, adding that extended care homes are stressed to capacity in Ontario. "Are we getting serious funding from provincial entities?"

Elia said that provincial funding was addressed at more senior levels. However, she cited an ongoing scramble for funds and the fact that Community Care relies on fundraisers to supplement its provincially-funded support.

Reeve Reid said that council would address the request after the 2012 budget is completed and approved.

'We've lost \$2,000 in business because of the delay'

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electronic licensing system," says Saunders. "The process takes so long and is so prone to errors that folks are just putting their merchandise back on the shelves and walking out.

"And, when we do get an error message, which is all too often, the technical helpline is so overrun with callers that we can't get through." Saunders's colleague Roberts called 30 times one day last week before being connected to technical support, only to be put on hold for a quarter-hour before being told by the technical help line that they couldn't help him.

"It's a nightmare. People are leaving here after trying to get a licence, trying to fish inside the law but not being able to. And you can bet that if a conservation officer catches them, they'll get fined, even though it is the Ministry's fault that they couldn't get a licence."

This state of affairs is the upshot of the Ministry of Natural Resources' attempt to move its hunting and fishing licensing system into the electronic age. The delays and complaints have been such that MPP Laurie Scott has taken up the fight and written to MNR Minister Michael Gravelle. In her letter, she outlines the problems caused by the new system and urges the Minister to extend the issuance of paper licences until "such time as the operational problems can be resolved."

Scott says, "People encountering problems have been urged to order their licences online through the MNR website. The problem is that MNR seems to be several weeks behind in issuing licences for people who ordered

online. You combine that with a very limited number of licence outlets, a cumbersome system which is causing considerable delays for customers, and you have a mess, where anglers and hunters are almost being forced to break the law."

Tackle store owners in Haliburton agree. At Outdoors Plus, owner Karen Perrott explains that the MNR has been in contact with her since 2009 regarding the new licensing system, and yet she still doesn't know when she'll have the equipment to be able to start issuing electronic licences. "I've got a whole file of paperwork but I still don't know when I'll be set up. And, when I called the MNR in Peterborough to ask about it, they didn't seem to be able to answer any of my questions."

At the other end of Highland Street, Ian Speare of Spearzy's General Store (previously The Wild Outdoors), says, "It's been a nightmare since day one."

Speare says store owners make only seventy cents per licence issued. "It's nothing really, but having the machine gets folks to come into the store and then hopefully they buy other stuff."

Saunders agrees. "We don't do licenses to make money;



The new electronic licensing system.

we do it hoping that we'll get some extra business through the store. The trouble is that at the moment the licensing is taking so long that it's costing me money. I'll be glad when Service Ontario gets their machine. Then, I can send all my problems across the road."

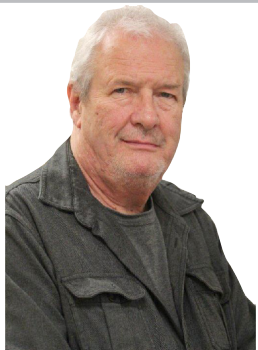
Yes, that's right: even Service Ontario hasn't been set up with licence-issuing equipment. Saunders states that he's been told it's due in the next week or so, but wonders just what to believe. On contacting

Service Ontario by phone (the main office number, because individual offices are unlisted), we were told that they do issue Outdoor cards but that they 'didn't think electronic fishing licences would be available for another week or so'.

Calling the local MNR office got a recorded message. Spokespersons at the MNR headquarters in Peterborough were not able to comment in time for the publication of this article, and a call to MNR Minister Gravelle got a similarly frosty response.

At press time Saunders and Spearzy's had machines and Outdoors Plus is still hoping. So, happy fishing everyone. Or should that be happy hunting — licence hunting, that is!

Editorial opinion



By Stephen Patrick

Rebellion, authority, the church and MLK

Last week the Dysart Ministerial, an informal alliance of 10 Christian churches and their pastors and priests, met for their third annual “Leaders’ Prayer Breakfast” at the West Guilford Community Centre. The purpose of the prayer meeting is to support our local politicians and those who serve as fire fighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Guest speaker Sgt. Vince D’Amico of the Durham Regional Police, a passionate Christian and old friend of Northland Faith Church leader Rev. Bev Hicks, spoke of how the world of faith and the world of work must be connected.

In her brief remarks, MPP Laurie Scott said that, in the early days of Haliburton’s settlement, “Each village usually built the school first, and then the church. The different denominations would take turns holding services in one village’s church, while theirs was being built in their own village. So you’d have the Catholics, Pentecostals, the Anglicans all sharing the same church for a while – not unlike the spirit of this meeting today.”

The Rev. Gary Swagerman, in his opening welcome, invoked the always-controversial passage from Romans 13, which essentially says that everyone should be subject to the governing authorities, and that “whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.”

It’s curious why so many of our church leaders still support this passage, with its profoundly anti-democratic message, particularly at a meeting in which religious diversity (Christian variety only, however) was honoured.

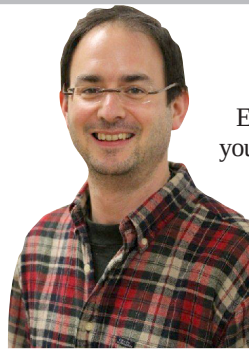
Our neighbours to the south celebrated Martin Luther King day this week, a national holiday for a religious leader who practiced non-violent resistance to established authority all his life and, you could argue, changed the world for the better. I’m reminded of King’s famous letter from a Birmingham jail, written in 1963 in response to the criticism from some eight white religious leaders who felt, in effect, that he was hurting his own cause by his non-violent protests.

King wrote, “You express a great deal of anxiety over our willingness to break laws. This is certainly a legitimate concern . . . One may well ask, ‘How can you advocate breaking some laws and obeying others?’ The answer lies in the fact that there are two types of laws: just and unjust. I would be the first to advocate obeying just laws. One has not only a legal, but a moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws. I would agree with St. Augustine that, ‘an unjust law is no law at all.’

“In no sense do I advocate evading or defying the law, as would the rabid segregationist. That would lead to anarchy. One who breaks an unjust law must do so openly, lovingly, and with a willingness to accept the penalty. I submit that an individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust, and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is in reality expressing the highest respect for law.”

Just two days ago, citizens from all over the world celebrated the 70th birthday of another lawbreaker: the one, the only, Mohammad Ali. As world heavyweight champion and a Muslim convert, he refused to serve in the Vietnam War. The government charged him with violating the Selective Service Act, his titles were taken from him, and he was banned from boxing. He would not give in, even though, arguably, his decision put him on the sidelines during the prime of his career. His bravery then, and throughout the remainder of his career, made him one of the most beloved and inspirational figures in modern world history.

I have little doubt that the Dysart Ministerial collectively disagrees with much of the above sentiments. Which makes their support of blind obedience to established powers even more puzzling.



By Bram Lebo

Adults only, please

Everything you need to know about the Highlands East labour dispute you can learn from the famous 1970s pop psychology book, *I’m OK, You’re OK*. In that runaway bestseller which still sits on many a shelf,

Thomas Harris explains how each of us tends to automatically follow certain patterns of thinking which alternate between three paradigms depending on the context: parent, adult and child.

In a nutshell, the *I’m OK* model says that productive adult relationships happen primarily on the adult-to-adult level, where reason and mutual consideration reign. But relationships can quickly change; when one party becomes overbearing or haughty,

the other may respond with child-like defiance. When one acts childishly, the other may counter with disdain or scolding.

We fall into these patterns because, having spent so much time in childhood, we’re used to it; we’re also used to our parents’ behaviour and can easily, subconsciously model it.

Today, this tendency to follow well-worn neural pathways (leading to ever-predictable behaviours) is recognized in the discipline of cognitive behavioural therapy. Before Christmas, our guest columnist, psychologist Dr. Ian Shulman, said the solution to avoiding harmful descents into parent-child, adult-child or child-child dysfunction is to take a step back, consider what is really going on, and focus on shared objectives. In the case of Highlands East, and all employment situations, the logical objective would seem to be a fair, productive and respectful relationship.

Unfortunately, this objective does not seem to be on the minds of either party. The union apparently feels “dissed” by Council’s initial non-response to their demands. So they are running to Mom (you, the public and we, the paper) to tell on those other kids at Council, and going to Dad (the government) in an attempt to force Council’s hand. They are pointing at the other kids and saying, look what Pete got! We want that too!

Never mind that what employees in Peterborough earn has nothing to do with the price of tea in Wilberforce, or with what’s fair and reasonable under the circumstances. The union is in full child-child mode.

Reeve Burton has responded to this behaviour by assuming the role of Ward Cleaver, solemnly declaring that we must all live within our means, which is true but hardly addresses the union’s complaint head-on. Burton is, consciously or not, acting as parent, appealing to our collective sense of discipline and inviting us to condemn these irresponsible kids who want cake and ice cream for breakfast, lunch and dinner. At the same time, he’s jumped in the sandbox too, declaring to this paper the impropriety of the union’s tactics; understandable, but not exactly restrained.

Who started it? That would be a childish question. The correct question has already been stated: what is fair and reasonable under the circumstances? On the one hand, we have employees whom the Reeve himself calls dedicated and hard-working; on the other, we are enduring rather difficult economic times. In between, there is likely to be an acceptable solution.

But finding a solution won’t happen until we have grownups in the room, on both sides. The union and Council need to come to the table with nothing more on their agendas than the above-mentioned fair, productive and respectful relationship. Until they do, it’s going to be hair-pulling and raspberries — a colossal waste of time and effort though potentially entertaining for this normally dull time of year.

Perhaps in the end, Dad will have to step in and sort this one out; but in my recollection that’s usually a temporary solution. No matter how much he threatens to *turn this car around right now and take you miserable kids home*, few problems tend to be truly solved until there are actual adults in the room.

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Letters to the Editor

Paved paradise

You don't know what you've got 'til its gone

Dear Editor:

This issue has been raised before and it seems no more logical now.

As we did not attend the meeting where this was discussed we can only go by the discussion and quotes as reported in your paper. We strongly urge more consideration be given the local youth and those who want to enjoy healthy exercise.

There is likely no one else more able to gauge how much the ball diamond is being used than we are. We live right across the street. Our veranda looks onto the park and we witness its use seven days a week. We can state without exaggeration it is used regularly – through the week as well as weekends.

One quote in the paper said “the only time that our diamond is booked is on Monday nights.” What about the ‘pick-up’ games where folks just get together for two or three hours to hit some balls or throw a ball around? This happens on a regular basis – of course they don’t book it – so the use is not recorded.

We see kids ride up on their bikes and have fun for an afternoon.

We see families come on a Sunday.

Community Living uses it weekly for an organized game. The joy on the participants’ faces as they get a hit and run the bases is worth the effort the staff put in. The offices and living quarters are right across the street so they make use of it – this would not likely occur if they had to get in some cars and drive.

One of our local churches has games regularly.

Local businesses often have staff games that are used to encourage morale after a busy day at work.

We see this all the time!

When attending tournaments in the spring and fall, visiting teams use the ball diamond to keep their players busy and get some exercise. A local private school has baseball games for its students.

We see this all the time!

If the ball diamond was not so central it would not be visible and therefore not be used as much. There is emphasis now to go out and get physical exercise – our ball diamond fills that need and because it’s in the centre of town people are more apt to use it. If it was out of sight on an outlying road somewhere it would not get used near as much.

We often drive past the diamond in Lochlin and have never seen anyone on it – it’s not as handy as the one in Haliburton Village.

We haven’t even touched on the families that stop and enjoy a family lunch on the benches, or spread out a rug to take a break from their journey.

We also see this all the time!

One other quote in the paper was, “do we even need the ball diamond?”

Well, the arena is little-used in the summer, and in the winter it is certainly not used every day. It runs at a loss and is substantially subsidized by the municipality. So, do we even need the arena?

Head Lake Park is not used by groups every day and costs the municipality a lot in maintenance. So, do we even need the park?

The museum is certainly not visited daily (rarely in the winter) and costs the

municipality a lot to keep up. So, do we even need the museum?

You can see how ridiculous these statements are. Each facility provides something (perhaps intangible) for our citizens and visitors. They’re important for a small town to maintain.

When extra parking is needed for the Home Show, Wayne Hussey does a wonderful job marking out parking lanes in the ballpark area. In the winter, the municipality plows it weekly to make it available for parking. So [the space] can be used when necessary without destroying its other purpose as a ball diamond.

It was stated that the property was acquired for “the purpose of a public square, fair ground, market ground and cricket ground and that they will not cut up or sell it for any other purpose.” We fail to see how turning it into several thousand square feet of asphalt fulfils this agreement. How does turning valuable green space into pavement improve our town? It certainly doesn’t properly reflect progress.

We haven’t brought up other possible uses while maintaining the green space: a location for the weekly Farmer’s Market; or an outdoor public skating rink in the winter.

Joni Mitchell, Canadian recording artist sings: *You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot*

We sincerely hope she isn’t referring to Haliburton.

Jim and Marilyn Frost,
142 Maple Avenue, Haliburton

Have you been to Leeds recently?

Dear Editor:

Mr. Gavan, are you there? Where exactly were you going with the spiel on ‘head doctors’? I. Don’t. Get. It. Call me obtuse.

Letter-writer Monsieur Benoit, are you there? “If you plop a Canadian in the middle of the UK, they will be able to communicate at a very high level.” Have you been to Leeds recently? Jeez... Here’s me and my Yorkshire acquaintance resorting to hand signals to communicate. And I foolishly thought they spoke English over there! No offense to the always readable, mostly understandable Mr. Jones and his land of hope and glory.

Mr. Patrick, are you there? I’m sheepishly clearing out all the hip hop and rap from my iPod, and replacing it with some well-chosen Bartok and Shostakovich. I guess urban music is exclusively the domain of teenagers, is it? Call me juvenile and shallow. Tell me to act my age. Most people do, come to think of it. But how, then, am I ever going to learn to communicate with Will in ‘street’? Because I sure don’t understand a word he says now in that c-raazy foreign tongue of his.

Melanie Sedgwick
Gelert

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The Outsider — Fishy tales and a lack of trousers

The annual ice fishing weekend with the barber and his chums: the perfect environment to continue my quest to become more Canadian, wouldn’t you think?

Taking up a similar invitation one year ago, I walked into a hunt camp for the first time, not knowing what to expect. There were some hairy moments, some hairy fellows, too (extra insulation against the cold, I guess), but it was a hoot. Then, in June, I was asked back for the spring fishing weekend, an invitation that told me I hadn’t upset any of the fishing party too badly, nor were they put off by someone who can speak the Queen’s English – a geezer wot can tawk rite propa — in their midst.

And so, last week I packed my sleeping bag, fishing gear, plus a bottle of sweet liqueur (don’t ask) and headed out to camp again; this time ready for the banter and bent on picking up some Canadianisms.

On arrival, I was met by unofficial camp boss Chaz. He stood in the driveway wearing hat, jumper (sorry pullover), snow boots and long johns.

“Where are your trousers?” I enquired.

“WHAT? Trousers! Get the X*\$# out of here.” He replied, politely.

“Sorry, pants.” My first failure at going native.

“Don’t need ’em. It’s so X*\$#ing warm, I don’t need ’em,” Chaz explained, politely.

The temperature was minus five Celsius. I’m not quite ready to be that Canadian, just yet.

I dumped my bags and went straight out onto the ice to meet the rest of the guys, thankfully all of whom

had their trousers (sorry, pants) on. There were 15 of us in all, ranging in age from 30 to 70. There were two OPP officers, a butcher, someone who bought and sold stuff, numerous contractors, a hydro guy, the barber, his cousin the mechanic, a fellow everyone called pizza pizza man and a couple of cork-soakers from south of Lindsay. They were tall, small, fat, thin, ruddy-nosed or clean-living; the perfect cross section of Canadian males from which to garner pointers on being Canadian.

We fished from Friday afternoon until Sunday lunchtime and caught what I think you folks would call a nice mess of trout. But, as almost everyone who has ever been to or heard about one of these weekends knows, the fishing is a mere sideshow, an excuse (although don’t tell that to our wives) to be allowed to indulge in the far more serious art of storytelling.

You thought I was going to say ‘drinking’, didn’t you? I have to admit there was some of that going on, and one story about booze worried me with regards to my quest.

“I remember a guy coming into camp with a case of foreign beer and a bottle of scotch,” yarned one camp member. “Stupid X*\$#er! We turned him around, kicked him in the ass and made him go buy Molsons and Canadian Club!”

Cue uproarious laughter from everyone but me. “Molsons!” I blurted. “That tasteless, weak, fizz. You call that beer? And Canadian Club...” My voice tailed off as 14 sets of suddenly very patriotic Canadian eyes glared at me. Not Canadian yet then.

I shrunk back into my chair, supping my own Canadian beer (a Mill Street Tankhouse, in case you were wondering), thinking it best to keep schtum for a while.

There were all kinds of hunting and fishing stories: yarns of tents blowing down while camping on frozen lakes at 40 below, or fellows getting seasick from the swell on Lake Ontario while their wives looked on in disgust. There was the tale of Bob Misalotski and his continual lack of luck in deer season, or the one about Sean’s suicide buck, an obliging deer that just kept coming back no matter how many errant shots Sean fired (hmm, there’s a theme here). And then there was big Dan’s Bassett hound, a dog whose legs were so short that when running through the bush he’d sound off like BORRWW BORRWW BORRYELP YELP, when a certain part of his undercarriage got caught in the briers.

I soaked up these yarns almost as quickly as I soaked up the beer and I began to realise that you Canadians are pretty similar to this Brit. OK, I can’t skate, ski or snowboard and I don’t say ‘alrightee’ or ‘eh’ just yet. But, in the end, you like a drink and a laugh in the company of those big enough to admit their own failings and endure a little ribbing in the bargain.

Well, that’s the chaps, anyway. It may take longer for me to understand Canadian women; then again, I was almost four decades in Blighty and I don’t understand the English variety yet!



By Will Jones

Highlander arts

State of the Arts



By Victoria Ward

When the teleplay stops and the real world begins

Propaganda in politics and culture meld many times throughout history. Shakespeare was rumoured to have written his histories with a nod toward keeping Elizabeth I's family in a fair light. Artists can have an uneasy relationship with power; see film maker Leni Riefenstahl and her masterpiece, *Triumph of the Will*, for example. So this isn't a new thing.

A new film, *The Iron Lady* starring Meryl Streep, opened this month. In it she portrays former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Apparently her performance is leaving people breathless and she will probably win all those silly awards they give to movie stars.

In an article laced with astonishment at how the movie might rejuvenate warmth for old Maggie, *The Guardian* UK's Seamus Milne wrote recently, "This is a politician, after all, who never won the votes of more than a third of the electorate; destroyed communities; created mass unemployment; de-industrialized Britain; redistributed from poor to rich; denounced Nelson Mandela as a terrorist; defended the Chilean fascist dictator Augusto Pinochet; ratcheted up the cold war; and unleashed militarized police on trade unionists and black communities alike. She was Britain's first woman prime minister, but her policies hit women hardest."

I could also find a quote from an admirer of Thatcher's who would say that she was a very keen listener, made all the tough choices and remained clean. But, if you have been reading me these past few months, you know that I won't. For me it's the combination of Hollywood and a conservative icon that makes me uncomfortable.

Streep and her female filmmakers have defensively suggested that the film isn't political — it's about women in old age and that no one would be interested unless it was about someone like Thatcher. I find this a spurious defence. Streep is a huge star and her movies make money. She can do what she wants, a power that very few women on earth have. Wouldn't it be a little less disingenuous for her to just admit what a thrill it is to play with controversy, and have her fans forget such drivel as *It's Complicated* and *Mamma Mia*?

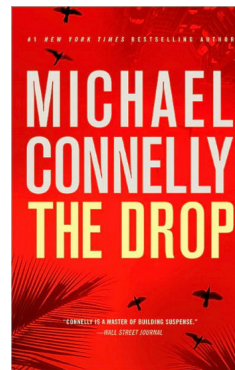
Hollywood movies moguls spend almost as much on promotion as they do on the films themselves. They make their own micro-culture around the release and sojourn toward the award season. By March, you won't even need to see a new movie because you will have seen so many trailers, clips, reviews, interviews, posters, Tweets and Facebook shares. *The Iron Lady* will be etched into your psyche regardless of how you try to ignore it.

Hollywood, unlike other kinds of art industries, needs to justify its choices because of its influence, reach and money spent. Given that the Republican primaries have become a TV mini-series with the same amount of publicity and integration into our culture as *The Sopranos* once did, and given as well that G.W. Bush and colleagues have all written their memoirs, casting that administration into a red, white and blue halo, aren't we inundated enough with conservative jingoism and myth making? What is really going on here?

When does the teleplay stop and the real world begin? I would ask the miners I met in Yorkshire last year about Thatcher's very real shadow; about how a movie star's vanity brings with it the painful reminder that the truth of things can be easily lost in our quest for superficial approval and a history bent to our will.



Meryl Streep as Margaret Thatcher. Photo Alex Bailey.



Haliburton County's Hot Reads

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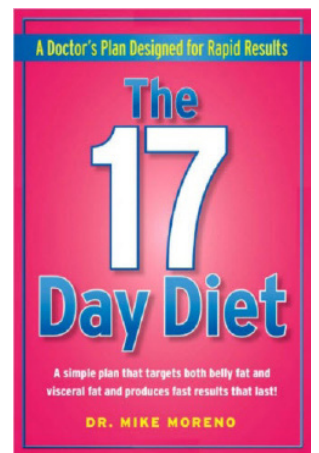
The following are the top 5 fiction and non-fiction titles as requested at the Haliburton County Public Library for the week of January 16-22.

HCPL's TOP 5 FICTION

1. *Private #1 Suspect* by James Patterson
2. *The Drop* by Michael Connelly
3. *Kill Alex Cross* by James Patterson
4. *The Litigators* by John Grisham
5. *The Cat's Table* by Michael Ondaatje

HCPL's TOP 5 NON-FICTION

1. *From This Moment On* by Shania Twain
2. *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson
3. *The 17 Day Diet* by Mike Moreno
4. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton
5. *Jacqueline Kennedy: Historic Conversations on Life with John F. Kennedy*



This week's HCPL Top Fiction list includes a new entry, *The Cat's Table* by Michael Ondaatje. *The*

Cat's Table is a prime example of a book that is said to be fictional but which obviously hints at being autobiographical. The story follows a young boy who travels from Sri Lanka to England aboard an ocean liner. Ondaatje, as a child, made this very journey.

The young boy in the book grows up to be a writer, like Ondaatje, and just to confirm that this goes beyond coincidence, the character's name is Michael. In a way, writing a semi-autobiographical novel is a good strategy; it adds some mystery to a story by leaving the reader wondering which parts are true and which parts are figments of the author's imagination. *The Cat's Table* has been popular at the library since it was released last fall, and it has even gone on to make the Giller Prize shortlist. The library has it available in print, large print, audiobook and talking book formats.

Library News

Library Yoga is back! Lynda Shadbolt will be running yoga classes each Tuesday from 4-5pm at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. This program will run January 17 to February 21. Entrance is by donation to the Friends of the Library. Visit www.haliburtonyoga.com for more details.

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Highlander arts

Gallery packed for photography exhibit

Local photographer Darren Lum's work evocative

By Will Jones

Evidence

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery

Jan 5 – Feb 25

Photography by Ryan Szulc and Darren Lum

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery was packed; there was hardly even standing room, as the artists took questions from the audience at the opening of *Evidence*, the gallery's latest exhibition.

Why such a prolific turnout? Fabulous photography played a role, but the inclusion of local photojournalist Darren Lum, who has been captivating us for a while now with his photographic work in *The Haliburton Echo*, was also a factor.

Evidence is not Lum exhibiting graphic shots of accident scenes or pontificating local politicians; it is a departure for him, an escape into artistic photography and a previously unseen side to his talent.

Museum curator Laurie Carmount has brought Lum's work together with that of Toronto photographer Ryan Szulc. The two have very different styles, but both shoot landscape as a basis for their work.

Szulc's grainy images of bleak landscapes — dried-up river beds, mist-shrouded mountain ranges and flotillas of icebergs — are a testament to the raw power of nature. They pull the viewer in and seem to question the significance of mankind when confronted with such visceral forces. Conversely, the image of a road cutting through a landscape, or a packing crate discarded in the wilderness, challenge us to take more care of the delicate balance that is nature.

"This collection is part of a lifetime project," says Szulc. "I run a commercial studio in Toronto, shooting pictures for newspapers and magazines, and so these images, which are a small part of the overall collection, are an escape, somewhere I go as often as I can."

The same could be said of Lum's work for the exhibition. Vivid black and white shots of local landscapes — cottages, forests, lakes, fields and streams — are beautiful in their own right, but Lum has gone a step further and engineered a story in each photograph. Sometimes immediately evident, sometimes a challenge to spot, there is always a female figure within the image.



Photographers Ryan Szulc, left, and Darren Lum, right, answering questions from the crowd. Photo by Will Jones.

Searching and finding the figure excites viewers and challenges them to come up with a reason for the girl being in the picture.

"People and nature make up a good part of my day-to-day work," says Lum, "but in these pictures I'm able to intertwine the two, to create a mood or scene that will evoke a reaction from the viewer, a different or unexpected train of thought."

And that is certainly what Lum's pictures do. Whether it is to conjure the fairytale scene of a damsel sleeping by a babbling stream, or the disturbing sight of a body prone in front of a car's blazing headlights, the connection

is instant and your mind starts to develop a story surrounding the image.

The two photographers' works are displayed in separate rooms. While landscape plays a part in both, the techniques are different and the styles lack similarity. Szulc's photographs are monumental while Lum's are more intimate in their depiction of the scene.

However, both artists ask questions of the viewer with their work. Both tease with snapshots of stories, moments captured in time, making the viewer want to know more. It is this that makes for a delightful exhibition, one full of evocative and thought-provoking photography.

Minden Hills

Trails in Snowdon Park to be named for first Reeve Rigney

By Terrance Gavan

Ross Rigney died last November, but his legacy lives on.

Rigney, a dynamic and game-changing political force, died on Nov 1 last year, and he is remembered for his many contributions to the Highlands, and to Minden Hills in particular. He was the last Reeve of Snowdon Township, and the first of Minden Hills.

Rigney had a deep and abiding love for nature and ecological diversity, and he brought that passion to his work. He remained a community activist, long after the vagaries of cancer cut short his political career in 2005.

Nature lovers, trail riders and visitors to the new

Snowdon Park trails will now and forever be reminded of Rigney's significant impact when they visit that Minden Hills green space, as a result of an initiative heard by Minden Hills Council last Thursday. Council decided to memorialize Rigney's name on trails in the park — though the formal decision was deferred until the February meeting so that all councilors could be present for the vote.

Community Services Director Rick Cox appeared before Council and presented a proposal put forth by Sheila Ziman, from the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists, requesting the new trail system in Snowdon Park be named in memory of Rigney. Ziman said in her proposal that Rigney was a strong supporter of the Snowdon Park

initiative, and that he was a big supporter of the park, the trails and the wetlands. She added that his vision included the development of the park as a tourist attraction, something consistent with the present council's emphasis on recreation in its own strategic planning efforts.

Reeve Barb Reid spoke for Council when she said, "Council is very supportive of this, and we'd like to wait until the February meeting when Councilor (Jean) Neville returns."

Neville heads up the committee responsible for parks, and Reid said that waiting until February would allow her to be a part of the important decision.

Highlander feature

Film promotes local food movement

Fresh aims to stimulate sustainable food production

By Will Jones

Fancy a free movie? How about getting a little *Fresh*? If either or both invitations sound like fun then head on down to the Northern Lights Pavilion on February 23 to see *Fresh*, the movie.

The film is a fascinating look at the local food movement in the US and the way in which we can all help ourselves to tastier, fresher, more ethically sourced food if we really want to.

Producer and director, Anna Joanes, says, “*Fresh* is more than a movie; it’s a gateway to action. Our aim is to help grow fresh food, ideas and become active participants in an exciting, vibrant and fast-growing movement.

“It’s been tremendously exciting to see the movie catch on and spread like wildfire, being used all over north America as a platform to raise awareness and connecting people to the solutions available in their community. We’ve received over 80,000 visitors and hundreds of screenings have already been organized, but we want to reach one million folks... because we believe that *Fresh* can truly help get us to a tipping point, when sustainable food will no longer be just a niche market.”

The Haliburton event is being hosted by Those Other Movies, The Minden Food Bank, the Haliburton Highlands Local Food Coalition (HHLFC), the Health Unit and Abbey Gardens. There will be no admission charge, but the hosts ask that everyone bring a non-perishable food donation for the local food banks.

The movie event is being organized by Janine Papadopoulos, project manager for Abbey Gardens. Papadopoulos explains that it’ll be about lots more than watching a film, “We’ve also contacted all the local growers and producers... and asked them to come along and showcase their operations and products.”

To this end, movie goers are being asked to come along early, at around 5:30 pm to check out the booths and information, and to meet their local food champions. The movie will be shown at around 6:30 pm.

“Our goal is to connect the local community with the people in our own local food industry,” says Papadopoulos.

From movie to movement

A free film is not the only thing on the agenda of our local food champions, though. The Haliburton Highlands Local Food Coalition has been busy over the last year, producing a painstakingly researched report, entitled the Haliburton County Local Food Infrastructure Report. Not quite as catchy as *Fresh*, nevertheless the report is dead set on empowering the local food industry in just the same way.

Brian Nash, HHLFC committee member, states, “The report has a three-pronged approach. It identifies the gaps in local food business opportunities; increases awareness of local food producers; and identifies strengths and weaknesses in municipal policy.”



Chickens flock around the “Eggmobile” in the movie *Fresh*. Photo Polyface Farms.

He goes on to say that what researchers found was little or no regulation at the municipal level to ensure local becomes a priority; that our limited arable land is not currently protected from future development; and that there is a need to promote local farming and create a strategy or brand under which producers could sell their produce.

“We have investigated the difficulties for local food producers and identified the challenges that we must overcome if we are to have better food security in Haliburton County, make it more self reliant when it comes to the food that we eat.

“We understand that we can’t grow mangoes or other exotic produce, but with the land that we’ve got and the farming expertise in the county we can produce staple crops such as potatoes and grow enough of them to feed everyone.”

Nash points to the report, and to research that investigated the number of people in the county, the carbohydrate requirement of each individual and the growing-land required to meet the needs of all residents.

“We can do it with crops such as potatoes. We can meet the requirements if we have to,” he says. “The trick is to know what we can do with what we have. Then, goals like food security begin to look extremely possible, not outrageous.”

Nash admits that his ideal of Haliburton County being totally sustainable with regard to food is a long way off, but he insists that, with the expertise already here and the momentum that the local food movement is gaining, now is the time for people to come together to make things happen.

“We need people to get together and do this. We need to partner at all levels – producers, politicians, retailers and the public – we all have roles to play in the local food system.

The HHLFC has begun this process by sending the report to over 75 individuals, businesses, departments of local government and organizations within the county, as well as to Sustain Ontario and the Ministry of Agriculture and Cultural Affairs.

It is also setting up a number of action committees in order to address several factors: the dearth of local government involvement; the need to market local food; and the education



Photo Specialty Studios, Ripple Effect.

of producers and the public in all matters pertaining to local, sustainable agriculture.

“We are actively looking for people interested in becoming involved, especially in the fields of funding, government relations, public relations and educational workshops,” says Nash. So if you’re a foodie – that’s what folks like to call us – and you want to help, give us a call.”

For more information about the movie go to freshthemovie.com. Or, to view the HHLFC report, go to haliburtonfresh.com.

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Aging Well

'Can't remember what day it is'

Dear Penny,

Isn't memory loss a common problem with aging? I know my memory isn't what it used to be, but my children keep pestering me to see a doctor. I tell them it's normal and when they get to be my age they'll understand, but last week my daughter found my purse in the fridge and she won't leave me alone about it. Am I crazy or are they?

Can't Remember What Day It Is

Dear Can't Remember,

Your question is a good one. And the answer is yes. Mild memory loss is common as we age.

Most of us have experienced the confounding feeling of getting stuck in the middle of a sentence because we can't remember a word. It feels like the missing word is "on the tip of the tongue" but we just can't retrieve it. If we're lucky, a friend or partner may fill in the blank so we can continue, but the experience is disturbing nonetheless.

We may forget the name of our favourite grade school teacher and can't believe we've forgotten. We don't remember

where we've put our keys or can't find our car in the parking lot at the mall. Errands may slip our minds. Appointments sometimes get forgotten.

We may be telling a story and discover that nobody else remembers it precisely the way we do — that we have altered the memory over time. Or we're at a party and have already forgotten the name of the man who shook our hand and introduced himself not five minutes ago.

It's also a good bet that we all have found ourselves going to the kitchen for something important and by the time we arrive we can't remember why on earth we needed to be there. We may fret about it and wonder if it's the first sign of Alzheimer's Disease.

If it doesn't happen too often, we learn to laugh at ourselves. It's annoying, but we accept it. We may even commiserate with friends to be sure we're not alone — that they too have occasional memory lapses.

So I'll repeat what I said before: mild memory loss is a normal part of aging.

The good news is that there are many things you can do to help keep your memory as sharp as possible. Lists help.



By Penny Brown

Keeping a calendar up to date is smart. Putting keys or slippers or whatever in the very same place every time we use them is a good idea. Putting your pills in a daily dispenser helps too.

Card games, word games and crossword puzzles are excellent activities. And there are several good sites online that offer memory games such as www.luminosity.com. There's no need to pay the fees; just do the free games daily and you'll benefit from them.

Having said all that, I urge you to get a medical assessment. A failing memory may be perfectly normal, but if it isn't, you want to find out so it can be treated properly and promptly. Why wonder? Why let your children worry? A cognitive assessment will tell you exactly what's going on.

Readers, if you have any other questions — about your mobility, your comfort or just about getting through your day more safely and easily, I want to hear them. For real-life answers you can use, write to Penny at penny@haliburtonhighlander.ca.

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Just one year ago, Dianna Owen founded Driving Miss Daisy, a transportation, accompaniment and companion service for all ages that specializes in care for seniors, those with special needs and non-drivers. Driving Miss Daisy covers communities from Minden to Bancroft, south to Moore Falls and over to the Coe Hill and Apsley area. She can travel to anywhere her clients need to go to or come from. She is available seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Dianna has accompanied her valued clients in her Daisymobile to and from local businesses for groceries, banking and doctors' appointments. She provides an economical airport shuttle service and homecare services for

those who need that extra help with domestic tasks. Dianna is passionate about providing a much needed service in the area; she finds that not only are seniors hiring her, but all age groups with various transportation and accompaniment needs have hired her services.

Dianna's company prides itself on providing extra care and peace of mind to her clients at affordable prices. Special needs assistance is available for individuals who use a walker or wheelchair.

Owen looks forward to the year ahead, and to expanding her business. No matter what the weather or distance, Driving Miss Daisy is available to accompany her clients to a fuller life! Inquiries are always welcomed no matter what the distance or need might be.

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Land Trust announces outdoor events for seniors at Dahl Forest

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust has announced a series of outdoor events at the Dahl Forest for 2012 thanks to funding from the Winterfest Legacy Fund.

In partnership with AO Boatwerks, and aided by generous funding from the Winterfest Legacy Fund, four silent sport workshops (cross-country, skiing, snowshoeing, cycling and trail walking) for local and visiting seniors (age 55+) will take place throughout the Winter to early Summer.

The events will educate seniors on proper outdoor sports equipment and health benefits while showcasing the newly signed trails at the Dahl Forest (signage in part made possible by the Winterfest Legacy Fund). Seniors are welcome to invite friends and family members to join them for these events.

Dahl Forest is a beautiful, 500-acre protected reserve open to the public (no hunting or motorized vehicles) with relatively flat trails - perfect for seniors looking to be active in the outdoors.

The first two events are as follows:

Cross-country Skiing

Friday, February 3, 9 am-12 pm, Dahl Forest, 1307 Geeza Road

Participants will be introduced to the basics

of cross-country skiing, including maintenance and safety. Seniors with cross-country ski equipment are encouraged to take advantage of AO Boatwerks' free on-site waxing clinic and participate in a group cross-country ski at the Dahl Forest with Joleen Thomas of the Nordic Ski Association.

Snowshoeing

Saturday, February 25, 1-4 pm, Dahl Forest, 1307 Geeza Road

Participants will be introduced to the basic equipment required for snowshoeing, including maintenance and safety. There will be an opportunity to rent equipment provided by AO Boatwerks (through pre-registration) and to participate in a group snowshoe with local guide Thom Lambert. An experienced outdoorsman, Thom will be on hand to provide tips on walking and proper equipment use for a variety of outdoor winter surfaces, and pointers for beginners and intermediate snowshoers. Seniors with their own equipment are also encouraged to come discover the Dahl Forest Trails and ask questions of the experts. Contact the Land Trust to pre-register (mandatory for \$12 snowshoe rental) at 705-454-8107 or admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

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Around the county

Haliburton resident to get MS treatment in US

Fundraiser on January 28 at McKecks

By Stephen Patrick

Haliburton resident and Patient News Publishing design supervisor Sarah Carlin first got the bad news back in 2003.

"I was diagnosed with the first stage of multiple sclerosis – what's called the remitting-relapsing stage – when I began to experience an unusual, but definitive symptom: when I bent my head forward I felt a buzzing sensation down my spine, and not just a tingling; more like a sudden electric shock.

"I saw a neurologist and had a series of MRIs immediately, which revealed lesions in the brain and spinal cord. Now I have three main things going on: I have stiffness in my hands; the nerve function is confused; and I have a lack of sensation in my fingers, although I can still grip things and write and type. My walking ability is reduced, my co-ordination is off, and I suffer fatigue. Three years ago I could walk any distance I wanted to, and now I can walk two kilometers max – and then my hip just stops working, and I have a problem with co-ordination in my knees and ankles. There's a lesion in my thoracic spine, and the nerve simply times out."

Now, Carlin is seeking treatment in the United States. The controversial "liberation procedure" was developed by Italian researcher Dr. Paolo Zamboni in 2009 and involves MS patients' having balloon angioplasty in their neck veins. The hypothesis is that by increasing blood flow to the brain, MS symptoms are reduced.

Many neurologists have expressed great skepticism about the treatment, but just last week, the province of Saskatchewan decided to spend over \$2 million to send some 86 MS sufferers to the Albany Medical Clinic in New York,



Sarah Carlin

to participate in a two-year, double-blind study. This will be the first full-fledged study of the treatment. There is no financial support for Ontario residents who wish to have the treatment, which is not available anywhere in Canada.

Carlin's local physician, Dr. Scott Coles, and her Toronto neurologist are supportive of her plans, but caution that there is still little evidence that the treatment works long-term.

"I've had a Doppler ultrasound which revealed that I have reduced blood flow on my side, and a B-node abnormality on the other side. They'll do another Doppler ultrasound at the clinic, and then

put a tiny camera into the veins to see exactly what is the situation. During the procedure they open up the vein with a catheter – which hopefully widens the vein permanently. In 10 percent of patients the vein collapses, and those cases the doctors put in a stent."

Carlin has done her research thoroughly, and states emphatically, "I don't see any other way of stopping the progress of the disease. I've been thinking about it since it surfaced in the news. And the evidence I've found, although anecdotal, and in talking with other patients who have had the procedure, I've been convinced that there are clear benefits to it."

However the Albany Medical Clinic is an expensive option, and Sarah needs help to pay for the procedure, expected to cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000, possibly higher depending on the results. Her father, Dave Carlin, a well-known North Bay artist, had a special sale of some of his work, which has helped. Next week, a fundraiser is planned at McKecks.

"In December I talked with Maarten Steinkamp and Karen

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Sarah also wants to thank her employer, Patient News, for their continued support. Her procedure is scheduled for February 27.

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Dogsled Derby is a go

By Terrance Gavan

Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby
The Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre, Jan 21-22

Baying hounds, zut alors!

If you have never been to the start of a real-live dogsled race, we urge you to swing over to the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre next weekend (Jan 21-22). Bring some ear plugs if you intend to stand by the starting line.

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Trails beckon sled dogs like some forbidden fruit. Terrible metaphor, because fruit spoils in cold weather; sled dogs simply ripen to the challenge.

Tanya and Hank DeBruin of Winterdance Dogsled Tours are busy preparing for the Iditarod, their second. Last year, weather forced them to forgo the Derby, but they know just how much everyone in the Highlands loves this annual event; so short notice or no, the dogs are coming. Hank, of course, also competed in the world's most grueling dogsled race, the Yukon Quest – which he finished – and that played a role in the cancellation of last year's Derby as well.

As it says on the couple's Facebook page, this year's race will be something special, "featuring purebred and Alaskan classes, a youth race and the adorable kid & mutt class. Due to the popularity of the skijoring classes, we have broken them up into separate one and two-dog classes again this year."

Skijoring is fun but not a sport for

beginners. Picture a man, women, boy or girl on cross-country skis, being hauled like a water skier behind a galloping dog. But unlike the driver of a water ski boat, the dog does not give a whit if its rider goes akimbo on a wooded trail. Thus the number one rule of skijoring was, and still is: *do not let go of the harness.*

The Pinestone reports the trail is in excellent shape. There's a minimum purse of \$6,000 to be won.

Local sponsors include Tim-Br Mart Haliburton, Pinestone Resort and Winterdance Dogsled Tours.

The 10th annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby is sanctioned by the IFSS and ISDRA, and is part of the OFSS Triple Crown Race series.

For more information, visit haliburtondogsledderby.com.



Dogsled Derby takes place on the weekend.

Sports news



Michael Nelson removes a Mustang from crease. **Photo Terrance Gavan.**

Hawks prove they can also win ugly

Hal High beats Crestwood – keep unbeaten string alive

By **Terrance Gavan**

The skinny Hawks come at you in waves. And if the levees don't hold, the result is inevitable: dam breaks, and the rubber hits the twine. Oh, there's more — much more. Tenacity, fearlessness, an unambiguous work ethic and a team-first mentality. Bottom line? The Hawks seem to find a way to win.

And as an old soul, NFL coach Herm Edwards once said, "You play. To win. The game." Edwards' succinct remonstrance might double as the Hawks' mantra this season. That's how they play. More importantly, that's what they do.

The Hawks kept their unbeaten Kawartha League record intact on Monday night at the old Dysart Barn, beating Crestwood Mustangs 5-2 in what coaches Ron Yake, Bruce Griffith and your agent summed up as a less than artistic affair.

The Hawks held on in the first, battling two opponents, the puck and the opposition. "I thought we came out

lacking some enthusiasm," said Yake after the game. But he added that it was natural after their stunning St. Peter's Classic win last week in Peterborough. (See page 16.)

"There's always a bit of a letdown after a big tournament win," said Yake. He added that he and Griffith were happy that the young team was able to shake off the cobwebs in the second and third frames.

However, there was a time when goaltender Zach Harrison was called upon to keep the Hawks on page and in the game, with some timely and heroic stops in the first and second periods. Harrison also rose to the challenge late in the game with a stellar display in the dwindling minutes. The Mustangs pulled their goaltender, but Harrison stood them off just long enough for Jordan Howe to intercept a mangled pass and streak in all alone to pop the treble insurance marker.

The win moves their record to 7-0, tied with Holy Cross Hurricanes atop the league standings.

The Mustangs scored the first goal of the game eight minutes into the first period on a defensive miscue and a nifty dippy by Ryan Saunders who went in unchecked. The Hawks seemed to shift gears after the Crestwood tally: passes got crisper, shots more focused, and Harrison, as we pointed out, played lights out.

The Hawks tied the game on a tally by Tanner

Ballantyne — his first of two in the contest — with three minutes left in the first. They went on to score two in the second and two in the third, to seal up the 5-2 victory over Crestwood. Chad Larue and Tanner Hamilton notched the other two Hawks goals. Assists went to Brett Yake, Howe, Nate Feir, Aaron Hillier, and Chris Hall.

Coach Yake said that he and Griffith noticed a lack of intensity in the early going. "They didn't seem to have the legs like they have in the past," he said. "There were times when I thought they were standing and watching the play a little too much, but again that could be the aftermath of the big tournament win last week. I thought we looked after our own end fairly well."

Yake concluded that his guys also know why they're winning, and if they forget both he and Coach Griffith are there to remind them.

"We have a team that can break it open and the guys know they can break it open, but that's a bad way to play sometimes, because if a team does shut you down, you maybe don't get a chance to break it open," said Yake. "The guys have to realize that effort is the number one ingredient, and that's the main reason we've had success this year."

The Hawks went up against Norwood yesterday. Results will be on the web at haliburtonhighlander.ca and in next week's *Highlander*.

Sports opinion

PardontheEruption



Baseball diamond or parking lot – who cares?

By Terrance Gavan

Topic for today is the Haliburton baseball diamond: forlorn, neglected and moribund. Who cares, right? Who gives a sweet petunia? It's just a baseball diamond. And as ballparks go, this one's a diamond in the rough.

Last week, *The Highlander's* Will Jones reported that Dysart et al council went round and round the bases, dickering over the fate of Haliburton's one baseball venue. Conclusion? It's a forlorn, wee space with a lamentably short porch and a bad reputation.

It's ugly. It's brutal, and it's probably unsafe at any speed. An acquaintance of mine told me last summer that he and a few of his friends have migrated to Minden for baseball. "The diamond is a disgrace," he said. "The field is too small, and it's not well maintained."

So he's moved over to Minden to play rec baseball, along with a number of his teammates and cronies.

Last week Dysart Council hemmed, hawed and hee-hawed over the fate of baseball in Haliburton. We found the whole debate bleak.

"Although no firm decision has yet been made, councilors agreed that the current diamond is too small and that the best solution would be to find an alternative site for a new

ballpark," wrote Jones. "This would free up the current site and allow the parking lot for the arena to be extended, to better meet the needs of teams and events held there and at the Legion and the Curling Club."

A parking lot? Hmm. An interesting, if somewhat anachronistic solution. So Joni Mitchell.

Out of the dugout came Brian Nicholson, Dysart's Director of Public Works. He presented the original deed for the land, dated 1880. The deed states that the land was sold to the Municipality by the Canadian Land and Emigration Company Limited, with the proviso that it be used for "the purpose of a public square, fair ground, market ground and cricket ground and that they will not cut up or sell it for any other purpose." Note that "parking lot" is nowhere to be found in the options.

In fact, it appears that the Canadian Land and Emigration Company covered all their bases. Nowhere does it say, "All of the aforementioned provisos will be declared null and void in order to accommodate gas-guzzling behemoths at some future date."

But hold on there, Jiminy. "Nicholson stated that he believed the municipality would be adhering to the deed if it were to move the diamond and build a parking lot on the present site," wrote our man, Jones. "He then asked if he should put out a request for proposal to help ascertain the construction costs."

Someone help me out here. At what point and in what bizarre world does hard, grey macadam concur with "public square, fair ground, market or cricket ground?"

We are stymied. Politics does that to us. But let's do go on. Ward One Councilor Andrea Roberts asked, "Do we even

need the ball diamond, because we have one in West Guilford and the only time that our diamond is booked is on Monday nights?"

Nicholson concurred. "In my time here I've seen the diamond used very little; it is idle space that is underutilized in my opinion."

Deputy Reeve Bill Davis added, "The deed says it should be used for recreation. We have the recreation [the arena] — we don't have the parking to go with it, though. If we can facilitate that parking then I'll buy it."

"Buy it," being the operative words here. Suggestions were made that once the old ballpark is engulfed by a D-8 Cat, Council would discuss a new site and a revamped vision for a ballpark. I recognize the tome. Budding Robbie Alomars in the Highlands should not hold their collective breaths.

Because Reeve Murray Fearrey stepped to the plate next, and placed his own smoldering, Ruthian imprimatur on the debate.

"That's a nice vision and we can think in terms of the next year, five years or 25 years, but most importantly we need to understand what the parents want," said the Babe, err, Reeve Fearrey. "We have to gauge public interest in a new ballpark."

We will, dear readers, let you read between your own lines here. We are guessing that there's no back burner big enough to hold the pot that holds the plans for a new baseball diamond in Haliburton.

But hey, as kiss-offs go? This one was well-played. Home run Council. Now, touch 'em all.

Hodgson added to All-Star weekend



Cody Hodgson. File Photo

By Terrance Gavan

Cody Hodgson is quickly becoming the poster child for delicate reconstruction.

Since being drafted tenth overall by the Vancouver Canucks in the 2008 entry draft, the Haliburton cottager — who played his first games as a Tyke inside the old Dysart Barn — has fought off back injury, diva accusations, tepid front office support, and a misplaced notion articulated in January that he is as slow as molasses.

This year, in his first full year as a Canuck — thus still eligible as an NHL rookie — Hodgson has finally dodged the many demons that dogged his dream. It's a simple enough goal for a kid with the bona fides that Hodgson brings to the rink day in and day out; from Tyke, to junior, to gold medals, to multiple CHL Junior awards — including Player of the Year — Cody Hodgson has proved that he can cope with pressure, alter the course of games, and battle. Hodgson just wants to be an everyday NHL hockey player.

This year, Number 9 got his wish. He's a contributing front end force on perhaps the best team in the NHL.

Hodgson must feel just a tinge of vindication; he's one of four Vancouver Canucks headed for the All-Star festivities in Ottawa, on Jan 29. Dan and Henrik Sedin, Alex Edler and Hodgson will be flying Vancouver colours on All-Star weekend, Jan 27-29, at Scotiabank Place.

Hodgson and the rest of the rookies will be drafted and take part in a skills competition, but won't play in the game. Canucks.com reports that Hodgson, 21, got the news courtesy of the local press corps.

"Really? Wow," said Hodgson. He was then treated to the de rigueur jabs from teammates. "It's a real honour to follow in some good footsteps here, guys like Mason Raymond," joked Hodgson, repeating what Raymond said from across the room moments earlier. "No, it's a real honour. There are a lot of good rookies

in the league this year and I'm happy to be selected to go to the All-Star game.

"I appreciate it. It's a good group of guys here, they always make me feel comfortable, and they're the reason that I'm going."

Hodgson has 11 goals and 16 assists in 47 games this season, sixth on the Canucks scoring chart.

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Hawks claim second straight St. Peter's Classic

Brett Yake pops gold medal winner in two-on-two overtime

By Terrance Gavan

Coach Ron Yake was beaming last Friday. We are guessing, because we had to catch up with the Hal High Red Hawks shinny coach on the phone. But after his team captured their second straight St. Peter's Classic hockey crown last Thursday afternoon, what else would a happy coach be doing, if not Cheshire-cating his face off?

The Red Hawks varsity hockey club defended their A Division crown at the Evinrude Centre Thursday afternoon. The wee, quick, slick passing engine rallied from a 2-0 first period deficit to nip Pickering St. Mary's Monarchs 3-2 in triple overtime. Another Yake — Brett — dilly-danced and doodled his way to the winning goal of an unbelievably climactic game.

"It was very tight," said Coach Yake. "We went down two and then we scored a power play goal at the end of the first period. The second was scoreless and we scored again with five minutes remaining in the game."

And then overtime. Another overtime. Yake recalls fondly and breathlessly that four of the Hawks six games in the A Division of the prestigious Classic went to overtime.

"That's incredible," said Yake. "It's a measure of just how competitive the tourney is and how dedicated and focused our whole team is."

And so in their fourth overtime and sixth game in two days, it fell to 17-year-old Brett the Younger to finally put a definitive exclamation point on the proceedings.

"We first went to a three-on-three, five minute overtime and no one scored," said Yake. "Then we went to two-on-two and Brett scored. He ended up intercepting a pass and had a breakaway basically from our blue line in."

Dad says the goal was just a little bit of Brett being Brett: fast, quick and hurtful.

"I went to my main move," Brett told Peterborough Examiner reporter, Dale Clifford.



Red Hawk varsity team. Photo Peter Elia.

Zach Boice and Jordan Howe scored to extend the game to overtime. Yake said the guys "played their hearts out," adding that at the beginning of the year, if anyone would have told him that they would repeat as champs in that 48-team tourney, he would have said they were crazy.

"Until last year we had never had a team in the finals," said Yake. "Really it's huge and it's totally unpredictable. And I'm really, really proud of these guys. The fact that four of our six games [three on Wednesday and three Thursday] went to overtime, that says a lot right there."

Against St. Peter's in their first round robin game, the Hawks were down 3-1 with five minutes remaining in the game. "We scored two goals in the final five minutes to tie it up [and force the no-decision overtime]," said Yake. Their next game against Bancroft ended in a 1-1 overtime draw. In

their third round robin game they defeated Barrie's Joan of Arc 3-0.

The Hawks finished first in their pool and drew St. Michael's College in the crossover, beating them 2-1 in — you guessed it — overtime. Aaron Hillier scored both goals.

Then came Mowat Collegiate, and some déjà vu. "Mowat Collegiate is the team we played in finals last year," said Yake. This year The Hawks beat them in the semis, 4-1.

"It was an exciting tournament with a field of strong hockey schools," said Yake. "We did it, and the guys worked really hard. In fact we had many comments from other coaches on how hard our guys worked. They just seem to keep working hard and playing for each other."

The Hawks played Crestwood on Monday; the game report is in today's sports section.



Cody Cox attempts to pin his opponent. Photo Paul Klose.

HHSS Wrestlers in fine opening form

Submitted by Paul Klose – HHSS Wrestling Coach

The HHSS Wrestling Team opened the 2012 part of their season in fine form. On Friday, 18 Red Hawks traveled to Peterborough to wrestle at the Crestwood Secondary School Wrestling Tournament.

Zane Zondervan led the team by remaining undefeated to capture the gold medal at 77 kg. Cody Cox wrestled consistently throughout the day to advance to the finals in the 57.5 kg division. In the championship match, he narrowly lost to capture the silver medal; it was Cody's first loss of the season.

The women's team once again showed that they are one of the leading squads in the region. They ended

the day with six podium finishes. Bailey Walker (54 kg) wrestled very well, posting a record of five wins and one loss to earn the bronze medal.

Summary of Results

Gold Medal — Zane Zondervan

Silver Medal — Kayla Gardiner, Jenn Woolacott, Cody Cox

Bronze Medal — Nichole Honderich, Bailey Walker

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- Cultural Considerations, Myth of the Steersman, Marcel O'Gorman: a starting point, Rails End Gallery, Haliburton, (705) 457-2330, info@railsendgallery.com, www.railsendgallery.com

January 28 to March 17

- SCENE/Seen in Haliburton, opening reception members salon exhibition, Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre, 2 pm to 4 pm, cast your vote for Peoples Choice Award and see work by over 50 talented local artists in a wide range of media, (705) 457-2330, info@railsendgallery.com, www.railsendgallery.com

To February 25

- Evidence – Photography Exhibit, Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden, a group exhibition featuring photographers Ryan Szulc & Darren Lum exploring the role of photography today, (705) 286-3783, gallery@mindhills.ca, www.mindenculturalcentre.com

Thursday – 12

- Euchre Nights, Minden Legion Branch 636, 7:30 pm
- Bid Euchre, Community Care, Haliburton, 1pm, for seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults 18+, Ida (705) 457-2941
- Bid Euchre, Minden Community Centre, 1 pm to 4 pm, Bev, (705) 286-3085

Friday – 13

- Cribbage, Community Care, Haliburton, 1pm, for seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults 18+, Ida (705) 457-2941
- NFL Football, Big Screen TV, Minden Legion Branch 636, 12:30 pm, John Sloan, (705) 286-1397, jicsloan@gmail.com
- Fish & Chips dinner at the Minden Legion Branch 636, 5 pm to 7 pm, John Sloan, (705) 286-1397, jicsloan@gmail.com
- Play Pool! Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 1:30 pm, (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com
- Jam Session, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 7 pm, (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com

Saturday – 14

- Open Mike Nite, Dominion Hotel, Minden, 8 pm, (705) 286-5035, shawn@light.on.ca
- Karaoke, Minden Legion Branch 636, 7:30 pm, John Sloan, (705) 286-1397, jicsloan@gmail.com
- Meat Draw, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 2 pm, (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com
- Opening Reception, Evidence Exhibition, Agnes Jamieson Gallery, 1 pm, (705) 286-3783, gallery@mindhills.ca, www.mindenculturalcentre.com

Sunday – 15

- NFL Football, Big Screen TV, Minden Legion Branch 636, 12:30 pm, John Sloan, (705) 286-1397, jicsloan@gmail.com

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- Circus Terrific – Razzamataz Kids Shows, Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, 2 pm, www.razzamataz.ca, www.motuso.com
- FREE Public Skating – Dysart Arena, Haliburton, 12 noon to 1:30 pm, Ray (705) 457-2083, miscio@dysartatla.com
- Country Music Jamboree, Country Hot Flashes and Cold Shoulders, Open Mic, SG Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden, 1 pm to 5 pm, admission \$7 at door (or \$5 if you participate in open mic session), Minden Lioness serving dinner at 5 pm (hearty homemade soup, sandwich, dessert and beverage), \$8 lindamuggins@hotmail.com

Monday – 16

- Cribbage Night, Minden Legion Branch 636, 7:30 pm
- Lunch Time Meat Draw, Minden Legion Branch 636, John Sloan, (705) 286-1397, jicsloan@gmail.com
- Bid Euchre, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 7 pm, (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com
- Cloggers, Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce, 7 pm, \$1, all ages welcome
- Celebrate Recovery, Lakeside Baptist Church, 7pm to 10pm, admin@lakesidebaptist.ca
- Contract Bridge, Community Care, Haliburton, 1pm, for seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults 18+, Ida (705) 457-2941
- Haliburton County Table Tennis Club meets every Monday, 6 pm to 9 pm, St. George's Church, 617 Mountain Street, Haliburton. Come out for great fun, even better exercise and meet terrific people! Just bring your gym shoes – we provide everything else including Robo-Pong THE ROBOT! Mary or Jeff Martin, (705) 457-2260

Tuesday – 17

- Euchre Night, West Guilford Recreation Centre, 7pm to 10pm, (705) 754-1457, carolstamp@sympatico.ca
- Pool League, Dominion Hotel, Minden, open to all, (705) 286-5035

Wednesday – 18

- Point in Time Visit, Ontario Early Years Centre, Haliburton, 83 Maple Avenue, Unit 5, Halco Plaza, drop-in and visit with a staff member from Point in Time Centre for children, youth and parents for casual talk times to support you as a parent, (705) 457-2989, oeycmin@bellnet.ca
- Taoist Tai Chi Open House, Wilberforce, 1 pm, 705-457-1909
- Parent/Tot Kindergym at 10 am, Baby Ballet at 10:45 am, every Wednesday, Haliburton Dance Arts, Maple Avenue, Haliburton, classes \$10 each, (705) 754-0007, www.haliburtondancearts.com
- Art & Tea, Rails End Gallery, for adults who like to talk about art and drink tea
- Community Drumming/Rhythm Circle, Rails End Gallery, 7:30 pm to 9 pm

- Story Circle, Gooderham Public Library, Pine Street, Gooderham, 11:30 am, (705) 457-2241 or (705) 447-3163
- Darts, Haliburton Legion Branch 129, 7:30 pm
- Darts, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 7:30 pm, (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com
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Thursday – 19

- Meet the Nurse – Ontario Early Years Centre, Haliburton, 83 Maple Avenue, Unit 5, Halco Plaza, visit Kelly to have your baby or child weighed and measured – ask questions and learn something new about your child's growth and development, phone (705) 457-2989, oeycmin@bellnet.ca
- Taoist Tai Chi Open House, Haliburton, 9:30 am, (705) 457-1909
- Taoist Tai Chi Open House, Kinmount, 9:30 am, (705) 286-1444
- Adult's Only Skate, every Thursday, Dysart Arena, 11 am to 12:30 noon (except Feb 9 & Mar 8 times will be 12 noon to 1:30 pm and on Mar 15 times will be from 12:30 pm to 2 pm, \$2 per person, contact Ray, (705) 457-2083
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Across

1. Zorro's weapon
6. Plus, in finance
11. Toss
12. Magazine proof
13. Priest, but Jewish
14. Stay above water
15. Sci-fi sequel
17. Medical amount
18. Moist
19. Prepped a fish
21. Insurance filing
22. Arrow shooters
25. Receive
28. Store ad word
29. Attempt
31. Colder
33. "A __ Runs Through It"
34. Thick
35. Unwraps
36. Nosed out
37. Touch or taste

Crossword

By Douglas R. Fink

Down

1. Scarecrow filling
2. Moby Dick, for one
3. Satellite's path
4. Spa attire
5. Lessen, like funds
6. Barking sound
7. "... __ is heard, a discouraging word ..."
8. Cereal utensil
9. Confirm a crossword answer
10. Lugged
16. __ and Roebuck
20. Cafés
21. Photographer's word
22. Comment to the audience
23. Hurried
24. Static __
25. Provided
26. 2, 4, 6, 8, etc.
27. Brief
30. Ready to eat
32. Stop color

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